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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.192

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Decision of the Primary Examiner mailed November 3, 2003 finally rejecting claims 1-4, 7-19, and 21-26 of the above-identified patent application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

	Applicant(s) has	previously claimed	small entity stat	tus under 37 CFR	§1.27.

Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 \Box CFR §1.27 as

 \boxtimes Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) (fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of November 3, 2003 to and through May 3, 2004 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of three.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL	\$165	\$	\$330	\$330
ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME	\$55	\$	\$110	\$
☐ TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME	\$210	\$	\$420	\$
☐ THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME	\$475	\$	\$950	\$950
☐ FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME	\$740	\$	\$1480	\$
☐ FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME	\$1005	\$	\$2010	\$
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